COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, August 20th, 1883.

The City Council met last night. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair, Alds. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Browne, Skinner, Boyd, Stringer, Moore, Becher, and City Clerk Abbott.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From W. D. McGloghlon, asking permission to hang out a clock at 136 Dundas St., No. 2.

From Jno. McDonald, to put half a storey to his house on Ridout street. No. 3.

From Rev. J. E. Moore, South street, asking exemption of residence from taxation for last half of year 1882. No. 1.

From W. A. Clarke, Secretary True Blue Lodge No. 11, asking the free use of the City Hall to hold an assembly on November 5. Granted.

From J. D. Wilson, M. D., asking for appointments to the Hospital Staff. No. 3.

From C. Coughlin, notice that he had paid $2 and interest for income tax under protest, to prevent preceedings by distress and that he looked to the Council for repayment, as he alleged himself wrongfully put on the Collector's roll. Filed.

From W. T. Williams, resigning his position as a member of the Board of Health, Filed.

From Jno. B. Smith, on behalf of the directors of the Western Fair, asking that the Exhibition Grounds be placed at their disposal for the Fair of 1883, and for the privilege of closing the grounds from Oct. 1 to 6. Granted.

PETITIONS.

From Edward Panton and others—calling attention to the necessity for sidewalk on the west side of Adelaide street, between Pall Mall and Central Avenue, No. 2.

From Hon. John Carling, and sixty-seven others—Praying for the erection of the Oxford street bridge.

From Mrs. A. Murray—Asking remission of taxes. No. 1.

From Samuel Stewart, and 226 others—Asking that the by-law to compel the removal of cross signs and verandahs be not enforced.

From A. Sharp, and 139 others—Asking that the by-law having reference to cross signs and verandahs be enforced.

From Jane Wheeler, and others—Against the proposed construction of a sewer on Ridout street from King to York No. 2.

CORRECT TIME.

A petition was presented by Mr. E. B. Reed, signed by 150 prominent citizens, in favor of the erection of a tower on the city hall in order to procure each day the standard time.

Mr. E. B. Reed addressed the committee at some length in favor of the proposition and the importance of a regular time service. He believed the citizens were largely in favor of the adoption of the scheme.

Mr. W. D. McGloghlon also spoke briefly in favor of the project.

Ald. Birrell pointed out that No. 2 Committee, in their report to be presented at the present meeting, had a recommendation in reference to the matter under discussion. It was therefore decided to take up the report of the committee.

ACCOUNTS.

E. K. Kordes, Police Court, book and dog tax collector's roll, $20.75. No. 1.

Bowman & Co., coal supplied to City Hall, $7.62. No. 3.

SALVATION ARMY.

Ald. Boyd reported on behalf of the committee in re the Salvation Army, that as the army had given a guarantee to abstain from beating drums in the barracks and not to obstruct the streets, the police be instructed not to enforce the by-law too strictly.

Mr. John Cousins and Mr. Wolfe were heard in reference to the matter.

Ald. Boyd moved the adoption of the report.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore, that the report be not adopted, and the report adopted on the following division:

Yeas—Hunt, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd, Browne. Nays—Birrell, Hyman, Moore, Becher.

NO. 3. COMMITTEE REPORT.

By. Ald. Hunt—1. That the petition of C. C. Reed be granted.

2. That the account of the Women's Christian Association for board of Geo. Adams, amounting to 10, be paid.

3. That the Plummer Manufacturing Company account for repairs to fire apparatus, etc., amounting to $12. be paid; also account in full for ambulance wagon, $350.

4. That the attached report of the Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital be adopted, and the Chairman and Dr. Wilkinson be empowered to purchase the articles named therein upon the best possible terms.

5. Your committee respectfully ask permission to advertise for tenders for supplies at the Hospital for twelve months from Sept. 1 next.

The following is the report of Dr. Wilkinson:

I beg to request that the following be purchased: 1. Twenty iron bedsteads; 2. Ten lockers, same as those in use; 3. A small stove for nurse kitchen; 4. A small sink for nurse kitchen; 5. A new sewing machine, the old one to be given in part payment. 2nd. I would also request that the following patients, who have been in the hospital for from one to twelve years, and for whom hospital treatment can do no more, be removed to the House of Refuge at Strathroy; John Maprant, twelve years and over; John Tomlinson, three and a-half years; Geo. Washington, one and a-quarter years; Sarah Robinson, one year. 3rd. The contract for supplies to be made on the 31st of August. 4th The work on the new addition is proceeding very slowly. At the present rate it will be all of six weeks before it is fit for occupation. We are losing many by not having accommodation for paying patients. Yours respectfully,

F. B. Wilkinson, Medical Superintendent.

The report was taken up clause by clause and adopted [illegible] whole.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the name of Dr. Drake be inserted for that of Dr. Street on the Hospital Board.

Ald. Boyd pointed out the resignation had not yet come before the Council, and it would be advisable to await until such was received, and have the matter come through committee. This was agreed to.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Browne—Your Committee beg leave to report as follows, having been passed and recommended for adoption:

1. Commissioners' payroll, Aug 8 $385 88; Victoria Park payroll, Aug. 8, $19 75; Commissioners' payroll, Aug. 15, $5[illegible]8 91; Victoria Park, Aug. 15, $23 50; Ferguson Bros., lumber, $117 19; R. & E. Summers, stone, $8 25; Greer & Wigmore, painting, $96 82; W. Anthistle, gravel, $59 43; do. $91 74; Ferguson Bros., lumber, $28 20, and James Wright & Co., nails, $1 10, (ordered by Board of Health); W. Cathro, block pavement, $500; W. Gallop, paving gutters, $15; A. R. Galpin, painting, $10; Geo McBroom, seeds for Victoria Park, $19 42.

2. That tenders have been called for for the delivery of gravel from Victoria street pit, and the following have been received: John McGrath, $1 95 per cord, Adelaide north of Oxford street. Accepted. John Donohue, $2 20 per cord, Adelaide north of Oxford.

3. Having considered the proposition of E. B. Reed with reference to the erection of a time telegraph tower on the City Hall roof, would recommend its adoption.

4. The petition of Joseph Coughlin for a tile sewer has been advertised for in accordance with the act provided for such application.

5. Would recommend that the offer made by the Proof Line Road Co. of $1,000 be accepted as their proportion of the reconstruction of the pile bridge on Richmond street, and that the action taken by your committee of having the same proceeded with at once be ratified.

6. The following tenders have been received for sewers: King street, Moses Cox, $616; Ridout street south, M Cox, $395; Ridout street north, William Smith, $837 60; Queen's avenue, M. Cox, $341; Dufferin avenue, W. Cathro, $226; Waterloo and Bathurst, $484; Dundas street, Screaton & Gibson, $1.700; William street, William Smith, $3,396 58. Total, $7.996 18. Oxford street bridge tenders—W. Cathro, removing iron and wood, $254; H. M. Douglas, removing stone, $100.

7. That as regards the petition of Mrs. Pritchard for relief, we would recommend her to the Central Relief Committee to receive an additional $150, as we consider this, in her present position a necessity.

The report was taken up clause by clause, first and second clauses passed.

Third clause moved for adoption.

Ald. Becher moved the clause be struck out, seconded by Ald. Cowan.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald Browne, that the matter be referred to No. 1 Committee to provide funds.

Amendment and also the amendment of Ald. Becher lost, and clause of the report adopted.

Fourth and fifth clauses passed and sixth clause moved for adoption.

Ald. Skinner opposed the construction of the sewer on Ridout street.

Ald. Boyd and Birrell spoke in favor of the construction of the sewer.

The Engineer pointed out that the petitioners against the sewer were not affected to any extent. The legal number of ratepayers had petitioned for the sewer.

Ald. Hyman took exception to tenders being called for the sewer before the bylaw was passed.

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that tenders be accepted, subject to the preparation of the bylaw. Carried.

Last clause passed and the report, as amended, adopted.

THE SIGNS.

It was decided to refer the petitions for and against projecting signs and verandas to No. 2 Committee.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE REPORT,

read by Ald. Hyman; recommended as follows:

1. Your committee having examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment: Free Press Printing Co., $390 80; Catholic Record, $10; W. W. Butcher, $9 60; Womens' Christian Association, $10; Plummer Wagon Manufacturing Co., $12; directory for P. C. Clerk, $3; Court House and Jail expenses, $590 66; Shareholders' advertisement of debentures, $13 44; coroner's inquest, Dr. Smith, $9 50; total, $959

2. That the petition of Mrs. McDermott for extension of time to pay 1882 taxes be granted by extending the time for payment to January 1st next.

3. That the petition of J. L. Williams for reduction on 1882 taxes be filed.

4. That the petition of Jno. Williams to allow taxes for the year 1882 to be charged against his property be granted.

5. Your committee beg to recommend that a grant of $25 be made to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to be applied toward the maintenance of the Newsboys' Home.

6. That the petition of Geo. Pritchard for reduction of income tax be filed.

7. Your committee beg to report progress on the petition of Philip B. Richards for exemption from taxes, and James Ardell for removal of railway siding.

8. Your committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for July.

9. Your committee beg to recommend that the tender of Mr. Henry Taylor of 93¼ on the dollar for purchase of the $175,000 of debentures be accepted.

10. Your committee beg to submit the auditors' report and statement for quarter ending June 30, 1883.

11 Your committee are of opinion that your honorable body have no power to remunerate Mr. Water Commissioner Cousins for services during the year. Your committee regret they cannot recommend payment of or fix any sum for remuneration for such services.

12. Your committee very much regret having been prevented from bringing in the estimates on account of your No 2 Committee not having furnished to your honorable body their estimated receipts and expenditure for the year.

The report was taken up clause by clause. First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth. tenth passed.

Eleventh clause moved for adoption.

Mayor Meredith left the chair, and it was taken by Ald. Birrell.

Ald. Hunt moved in amendment that $200 be granted Mr. Cousins.

Alderman Boyd moved seconded by Alderman Skinner, that the Communication from the Water Commissioners be referred back to the Board of W. C. to fix the remuneration to be allowed to Mr. Cousins for his services. Carried.

BY LAWS

Bylaws were read and passed for the construction of the several sewers referred to in the report of No. 2 Committee.

THE BRIDGES.

Ald. Birrell reported in reference to the meeting of the city and county committee, re the Kensington Bridge, as to the failure of the committees to agree on the proportion of costs to be borne by the city and county, and proceeded to read a bylaw to appoint Mr. Andrew McCormick arbitrator on behalf of the city to settle the dispute by arbitration. The bylaw was read three times and passed.

THE COW BYLAW.

Ald. Cowan asked, before adjournment, to make a personal explanation. He had given notice at the last meeting of a motion to repeal the cow bylaw. An impression had gone abroad that he favored repealing the bylaw throughout the whole city, but he intended only the repeal of the bylaw for that portion north of Oxford street, where he had been led to believe it was not enforced. He was willing, however, to let the matter lay in abeyance for the present in order to see what the future operations of the bylaw might be.